

## All Delta Local Agencies

The Department of Water Resources is pleased to announce the release of the Delta Levees Program – Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Final Near-Term Guidelines. The Guidelines define the process for selecting and funding of Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for Fiscal Years 2009-10 and 2010-11. The Guidelines can be accessed via the internet at <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/dsmo/bdlb/spp>.

This final version of the Guidelines is the culmination of a development process that spanned several months. As part of this process, a draft version of the Guidelines was released for review and comment by the public. The Guidelines were modified to incorporate the many valuable comments the Department received during the public comment period. The Department's responses to these comments have also been posted on the website shown above.

Under the Delta Levees Special Flood Control Projects Program, limited funding will be available to Local Agencies for eligible projects, including the repair and rehabilitation of levees to increase levels of flood protection in the Delta. The intent of the Program, as outlined in California Water Code Section 12311, is to protect discrete and identifiable public benefits. The Program also provides funding for habitat restoration and enhancement, in compliance with the "no net loss of habitat" and habitat enhancement requirements of Water Code Section 78540 et seq.

For Project Solicitation Package information please see the internet site referenced above.